

REMARKS

Claims 17-41 are pending in this application. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with their current status listed parenthetically. By this Response, claims 17-41 have been canceled without prejudice to later prosecution, and new claims 42-60 are presented for examination.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 42-60. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 42-60 are new, useful and non-obvious. Applicant also respectfully submits that new claims 42-60 are in condition for examination and allowance.

Support For Newly-Added Claims 42-60

Support, in the application as filed, for the newly added claims will now be set forth in table form. Support for new claims 42-60 can be found in the specification, as listed below, and in other locations of the specification, as well as in U.S. patent 6,597,683, that is incorporated by reference in the instant application.

Claim	Specification Support
42	claims 1, 14, 17 & U.S. patent 6,597,683 (incorporated by reference in instant application)
43	U.S. patent 6,597,683 (incorporated by reference in instant application)
44	Brief Description of the Invention section
45	Brief Description of the Invention section
46	claims 1, 14, 17
47	U.S. patent 6,597,683 (incorporated by reference in instant application)
48	claims 1, 17

49	claims 1, 14, 17
50	claims 6, 17
51	Background of the Invention
52	Brief Description of the Invention section
53	claims 1, 14, 17
54	Brief Description of the Invention section
55	Brief Description of the Invention section
56	claims 1, 17
57	U.S. patent 6,597,683 (incorporated by reference in instant application)
58	Brief Description of the Invention section
59	claims 1, 17
60	claims 1, 14, 17

Pending Rejections

As Applicant has canceled claims 17-41, the rejections of these claims is now moot. However, Applicant notes the instant application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/480,837, filed January 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/393,122, filed September 10, 1999, now U.S. patent 6,944,148. Therefore Applicant's priority date of September 10, 1999 is prior to U.S. patent 6,275,544 (Aiello et al.) cited by the Examiner.


Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for examination and allowance. Applicant submits a Petition for a three-month extension of time with an accompanying check for \$525.00. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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